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Joe Gregory, Supervisor East Orange Sewer Department 99 South Grove Street East Orange, New Jersey 07018

Re:

Request for Information, Section 308 of the Clean Water Act ("CWA")

East Orange Municipal Separate Sewer System ("MS4")

Docket No. CWA-IR-17-021

Tier A - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit

Dear Mr. Gregory:

The purpose of this Request for Information ("RFI") letter is to require you to submit information related to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

East Orange's MS4 is regulated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's ("NJDEP's") Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit ("MS4 Permit") (NJ0141852).

Section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a), provides that whenever it is necessary to carry out the objectives of the CWA, including determining whether or not a person/agency is in violation of Section 301 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, the EPA shall require the submission of any information reasonably necessary to make such a determination. Under the authority of Section 308 of the CWA, EPA may require the submission of information necessary to assess the compliance status of any facility and its related appurtenances.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

You are hereby required, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a) to submit the following information within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of this RFI:

- 1. The Storm Sewer Outfall Pipe Map required by Part F.6.a.i of the MS4 Permit;
- 2. The annual certifications for the past 3 years required by Part 6.b.iii of the MS4 Permit. Which includes:
 - a. the number of outfalls physically inspected;
 - b. the number of outfalls found to have dry weather flow;
 - c. the number of illicit connections found:

- d. the number of illicit connections eliminated; and,
- e. copies of inspection reports for those outfalls found to have dry weather flow;
- 3. Indicate if East Orange has conducted outfall inspections at all of its MS4 outfalls as required under Part F.6.a.iii of the MS4 Permit.

CERTIFICATION

Any documents to be submitted must be sent by certified mail or its equivalent and shall be signed by an authorized representative of the respective entity (see 40 C.F.R. § 122.22), and shall include the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

All information required to be submitted by this request shall be sent by registered mail or its equivalent to the following address:

Nicole Kraft, Acting Chief Water Compliance Branch U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 20th Floor New York, New York 10007 Attn: Murray Lantner

Failure to provide the required information may subject the facility to penalties pursuant to Section 309 of the CWA. Should you have any questions regarding this request, feel free to contact Murray Lantner at (212) 637-3976 or via e-mail at lantner.murray@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kraft, Acting Chief Water Compliance Branch

cc: Marcedius Jameson, Administrator, Water and Land Use Enforcement, NJDEP